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STATEMENT BY AMB SCALI

I HAVE TAKEN THE UNUSUAL ACTION OF ASKING TO SPEAK AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF A DEVELOPMENT OF GRAVE CONCERN TO MY GOV AND TO ALL THOSE WHO SEEK TO CALM TEMPERS AND RESTORE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN GO FORWARD.

THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN LEBANON HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY AN ATTEMPT TO SPREAD A BIG LIE AROUND THE WORLD -- NAMELY, A CHARGE THAT MY GOVERNMENT CONNIVED, COLLUDED AND IN SOME WAY PARTICIPATED IN THE LEBANON EVENTS AND THE ALLEGATION THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT IS HARBORING PERSONS WHO WERE INVOLVED.

THIS QUALIFIES, BY ANY DEFINITION CONCEIVABLE, AS A MASSIVE UNTRUTH -- A BIG LIE. THE BIG LIE BECAME A STANDARD WEAPON OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BEFORE AND DURING WORLD WAR II. IT IS AN ART FORM OF THE TOTALITARIAN MENTALITY. IT SEEKS TO DECEIVE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNWARY PUBLIC BY RESORTING TO A FALSEHOOD OF GIGANTIC DIMENSIONS, BY ITS ENORMITY IT SUCCEEDS IN DELUDING THE INNOCENT BECAUSE NO ONE

WOULD BELIEVE THAT SUCH A MASSIVE UNTRUTH COULD BE INVENTED. THE MONSTROUS ACCUSATION THAT THE UNITED STATES SOMEHOW HELPED CARRY OUT THE EVENTS IN LEBANON AND IS ACTING AS A SHIELD FOR THOSE INVOLVED ORIGINATED WITH THOSE WHO OPPOSE AT ALL COSTS AND BY ANY MEANS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, WHO PREACH AND PRACTICE WANTON TERRORISM AND WHO, FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES, SEEK TO PLACE THE BLAME ON OTHERS - THE BLAME FOR THEIR FAILURES AND CRIMES. IT IS BEING SPREAD NOT ONLY BY CLANDESTINE MEANS AND BY RUMOR- MONGERING; IT IS BEING REPEATED IN RECOGNIZED INFORMATION MEDIA IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHICH IN MANY CASES HAVE INEXPLICABLY FAILED TO MAKE KNOWN OUR FIRM, CATEGORICAL DENIALS.

THIS CHARGE, MR. PRESIDENT, IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. IT IS COMPLETE FABRICATION FROM BEGINNING TO END. I WOULD HOPE THAT REASONABLE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WOULD RECOGNIZE HOW DEFAMATORY AND IRRESPONSIBLE ON ITS VERY FACE SUCH A CHARGE IS. EVEN WORSE, IT CAN ENCOURAGE NEW VIOLENCE, MORE DESTRUCTION AND MORE DEATHS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. AND IF THIS BIG LIE SUCCEEDS IN INFLAMING NEW VIOLENCE, THE RESPONSIBILITY WILL REST ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO LISTENED IMPASSIVELY TO THE BIG LIE AND DID NOTHING TO SPEAK THE TRUTH.

YET ANOTHER TRAGIC ASPECT IS THAT MANY, WHEN EMOTIONS RULE OVER REASON, BECOME THE VICTIMS OF SUCH A BOLD AND MONSTROUS LIE -- JUST AS MANY VICTIMS OF THE FALSE CHARGE OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE 1967 ARAB- ISRAELI WAR, A CHARGE THEY LATER CAME TO RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE AS FALSE BUT WHICH AT THE TIME LED TO CONSEQUENCES THAT ARE STILL WITH US TODAY.

THE VIEWS OF MY GOVERNMENT ON THE BROAD PRINCIPLES ARE WELL KNOWN. THEY HAVE BEEN STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS BY MY PREDECESSORS - MOST RECENTLY IN THIS COUNCIL ON SEPT 10, 1972. WE DEPLORE VIOLENCE WHEREVER IT OCCURS AND FROM WHATEVER SOURCE IT COMES. WE DEEPLY REGRET THE MOUNTING TOLL IN INNOCENT LIVES. I WILL RESERVE FURTHER COMMENT ON THESE ASPECTS OF THE MATTER FOR LATER IN THE DEBATE.

TODAY, HOWEVER, I WANT TO MAKE IT CATEGORICALLY CLEAR THAT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOR ANY REPRESENTATIVE THEREOF HAD ANY PART WHATSOEVER IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISRAELI
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RAID ON LEBANON ON APRIL 10. ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM THIS OUTRAGEOUS LIE AND TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF SUCH SLANDER WHOSE CONSEQUENCES, IF IT IS NOT CHECKED, CAN DO GRAVE HARM TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND INCITE NEW DESTRUCTION AND MO

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